HJR 40 -- Fair Ballot Commission

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Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment authorizes the establishment of a Fair Ballot Commission to determine the propriety and correctness of all proposed ballot language submitted by the initiative or referendum process. The commission members will be two senators appointed by the President of the Senate, two senators appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives. Members of the commission may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Upon recommendation by a majority vote of the commission, the proposed ballot language or an alternative language must be submitted to the Secretary of State who must submit the approved language to the voters without change.